
Emergency Rules

[Title 4—DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT]

[Division 232—Missouri State Committee of
Interpreters]

**Title 20—DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS AND PROFESSIONAL
REGISTRATION**

**Division 2232—Missouri State Committee of Interpreters
Chapter 2—Licensure Requirements**

EMERGENCY RULE

[4 CSR 232-2.040] **20 CSR 2232-2.040** **Certifications
Recognized by the Board**

PURPOSE: This rule allows applicants with certain national certifications to become licensed in Missouri.

*EMERGENCY STATEMENT: This emergency rule is necessary to preserve a compelling governmental interest requiring an early effective date of the rule to allow the committee to license interpreters who hold certification issued jointly by organizations that previously issued certification independently. The certifications issued individually by the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) and the Registry for Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc., are recognized as a matter of statute, section 209.323, RSMo Supp. 2005. At its meeting on June 26, 2006, the board learned that these organizations were to begin doing business as NAD-RID National Interpreter Certification, and issuing certifications equivalent to those recognized by the statute but with different names, on July 1, 2006. The emergency rule is necessary to allow the board to issue a license to those applicants who obtain such certifications pending ordinary adoption of an appropriate rule, otherwise communication between members of the deaf community and the general public will be impaired, endangering the health, safety and welfare of individuals and the general public. The board has concurrently filed an identical proposed new rule with the Secretary of State's Office and the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, which will appear in the October 2, 2006, *Missouri Register* and will not become effective until at least March 31, 2007.*

The scope of the emergency rule is limited to the circumstances creating the emergency and complies with the protections extended in the Missouri and United States Constitutions. In developing this emergency rule, the board encouraged discussion of the new examination at its open meetings and provided the public the opportunity to offer their comments at that time. The board believes this emergency rule to be fair to all interested parties under the circumstances. This emergency rule was filed August 22, 2006, effective September 1, 2006, expires February 27, 2007.

(1) In addition to the certificates specified in section 209.322, RSMo, the following licenses and certifications are recognized as qualifying credentials for an initial license, renewal license or temporary license:

(A) Certification issued by the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) and the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. (RID), doing business as NAD-RID National Interpreter Certification, c/o RID, Inc., 333 Commerce Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, as follows:

1. National Interpreter Certification (NIC);
2. NIC Advanced; and
3. NIC Master.

*AUTHORITY: section 209.328.2(3), RSMo 2000. Emergency rule filed Aug. 22, 2006, effective Sept. 1, 2006, expires Feb. 27, 2007. An emergency rule and proposed rule covering this same material will be published in the October 2, 2006 issue of the *Missouri Register*.*